



# DISCIPLES

## Disciples Serve His Church

### Key idea:

Disciples use their spiritual gifts and look for ways to serve in the local church.

### Key text:

1 Peter 4:10-11

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

### Key points:

1. God has blessed each and everyone of us with gifts to serve the body it is up to us to operate in the giftings he has given.
2. God wants you to use his gifting we are to be "Faithful stewards of God's grace" Any gift or talent that you have is authored or authorized by God! Understand that your abilities are God given not of yourselves.
3. You must look to be serving, find ways in and out of the church to serve the local body and the church universal.
4. How you serve matters, you must serve "as doing it unto the Lord". Serving with the wrong reason or attitude is just work it will not reap benefit for this local body or for yourself.
5. When you serve one another you are ultimately are serving Jesus!

## Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. Do you believe that you have gifts? Do you believe that your giftings come from God? Or do you chalk them up as life experience and natural ability?
3. Are you being a faithful steward of the giftings you have? Do you operate in them or do you put them on reserve for some "future service"?
4. If God "provides us strength to serve" why do we make excuses and find reasons not to be a faithful steward?
5. What is the relationship between Love our God, Connect with People, and Serve the Church? Do they feed into one another? Why?
6. What is the impact of serving one another? Who is affected more by service the servant or the served? How does serving complete Christ love?
7. What about serving has had the greatest impact on you and your understanding of God and the Gospel?
8. When we serve one another who are we ultimately serving? If our service is to ultimately to Jesus why is it hard to get excited about serving? Do you serve too much? Have you allowed yourself to become so service oriented that the joy of serving one another is gone?
9. Can you think of someone with whom you can share what we are learning in this series? Pray for them and ask God to open a door for you to share about the prodigal grace of God, and invite them to a meeting.

**Ways you can serve:**

Kingdom Safari Sunday School Teacher or helper  
Nursery Worker  
Youth Group Leader/Helper  
Usher  
Greeter  
Coffee ministry  
Transportation  
Kitchen  
Building and grounds upkeep  
Worship Team  
Winter Relief  
Meal Trains  
Prayer for one another  
Mentoring  
Discipleship  
Audio visual  
Connect Group Leader  
Connect Group Host  
Work Parties

**BRCC's Local Outreach that you can get involved in:**

Winter relief  
Easter Egg Hunt and Family Festival  
Lighthouse Lunches and Dinners  
County Fair outreach booth